

REMARKS

The title has been revised to conform more closely to the pending claims.

The specification has been revised to correct various self-evident errors in grammar, punctuation, singular-versus-plural case, figure identification, and reference-symbol usage. In addition, the priority information on page 1 of the specification has been updated to provide that parent U.S. patent application 09/210,085 has issued into U.S. Patent 6,617,772 B1. The lower limit prescribed on page 57 for the average thickness of each of layers 134 and 136 has been raised from 10 to 20 nm in the third sentence of the first full paragraph since the immediately preceding sentence states that the minimum thickness of layer 134 or 136 is normally 20 nm.

Page 66 of the specification of the above application was inadvertently omitted from the application as filed. However, the application was filed with a transmittal letter in which Box 18 was filled in to provide that the present application is a division of prior U.S. patent application 09/210,085. Box 18 of the transmittal letter further contains the provision "The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference". In view of this incorporation by reference of the entire contents of the prior application, page 66 of the prior application has been inserted into the above application as page 66.

On page 72 of the specification, the citation information for Saggio-Woyansky et al has been corrected to include the missing volume number. Because the underlining procedure used for indicating insertions in this amendment conflicts with the underlining procedure used for indicating the names of journals cited on pages 72 and 87 of the specification, the underlining used for indicating the names of journals has been changed to italics. On page 74, "further material" has been changed to "further particles" in the last sentence of the first paragraph since the "further material" described in that sentence constitutes the "further particles" described earlier in that paragraph.

Claims 108, 110 - 112, 114, 116 - 120, 143, 158, 168, 185, 187, 193, 205, and 211 have been revised to clarify the claimed subject matter or/and avoid potential unnecessary limitations. Inasmuch as the pending claims are all method claims, "display" in the preamble

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of Claim 110 has been corrected to "method". Also, a spelling error has been corrected in Claim 119.

No claims have been added or canceled. Consequently, Claims 108, 110 - 112, 114 - 121, 143, 158, 168, 185, 187, 193, 205, and 211 continue to be pending.

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